THIS IS NO ORDINARY BOY IN A ROWBOAT. THIS IS A BOY WITH A DREAM, CHALLENGING THE VAST, TREACHEROUS SEAS IN A TINY DINGHY, SEARCHING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEN FOR HIS ***PIRATE CREW!***

SKREE SKREE

WOW! WHAT A GREAT DAY!

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THIS VOYAGE WOULD END IN DISASTER SO SOON?

THE WEATHER'S SO NICE!

MONKEY D. LUFFY

CHAPTER 2: THEY CALL HIM "STRAW HAT LUFFY"

WHIRR

HARD TO BELIEVE THAT I'M GETTING SUCKED INTO THIS GIANT WHIRL-POOL...

MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE CARELESS...

SHWRRR

WMMMMMMM

SHWRRR

TOO BAD I CAN'T SWIM, TOO.

OH WELL, CAN'T BE HELPED. DOWN I GO...

I COULD USE SOME HELP, BUT THERE'S NOBODY AROUND.

WHIRR

AAAA!

SPLOOSH

YIKES!!

WHIRR

HA! WHAT WAS I THINKING? IN A GIANT WHIRLPOOL, IT DOESN'T REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF YOU CAN SWIM OR NOT!

I'D DROWN EVEN IF I COULD SWIM!

CHAPTER 2 :
THEY CALL HIM "STRAW HAT LUFFY"

KER-PLOOSH

AN UN-CHARTED ISLAND...

WHY IS THERE DUST ON MY BULWARK?

SHWIK

DA-DUM

"PLEASE" WHAT...?

I'LL CLEAN EVERY-THING ALL OVER AGAIN! PLEASE--!

A THOUSAND PARDONS, LADY ALVIDA!!

I-I THOUGHT I'D CLEANED EVERY INCH OF THIS SHIP...!!

READ THIS WAY

KOBY! WHO IS THE FAIREST THROUGHOUT ALL THE SEAS?

PHUMP

NO ONE COMPARES TO YOU!!

AHEM... HEH HEH... WHY YOU ARE... LADY ALVIDA!!

I-I DON'T WANNA DIE!!!

PLEASE, NOT THE IRON MACE!!

WOW!

THE SHIP I SAIL IN MUST BE AS CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL AS I AM. UNDERSTAND?

WHOOOO

CORRECT!! WHICH IS WHY I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANYTHING DIRTY!!

Y-YES, LADY ALVIDA! RIGHT AWAY!

WHAM WHAM

EEEK

OTHER THAN THAT, YOU'RE WORTHLESS! HERE, SHINE MY SHOES!!

Y-YES... THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU.

KLAK KLAK

REMEMBER, KOBY, WERE IT NOT FOR YOUR VAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE SEAS, I WOULD FEED YOU TO THE SHARKS! BUT DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK!

AYE AYE!

I DON'T WANT TO SEE EVEN ONE SPECK OF DUST ON THIS SHIP!!!

THAT'S ENOUGH!! YOU'RE PATHETIC!!

OOF!

WUMP

THE LADY PIRATE

IRON MACE ALVIDA

YES, MILADY! RIGHT AWAY...

HEH HEH...

IF YOU'VE GOT TIME TO GROVEL, THEN YOU'VE GOT TIME TO SCRUB THE TOILET!!

HEH HEH HEH... SORRY...

...RIGHT AWAY...

...

SLUMP

SHE'LL NEVER FIND OUT!

BUT IF THE CAPTAIN FINDS OUT, SHE'LL HAVE OUR HEADS!

WELL I KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT! LET'S DRINK IT ALL UP!

Y-YEAH. AND IT'S NOT EMPTY! I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO DO WITH IT...

WHAT'S *THAT*, KOBY? DID A BARREL OF RUM WASH UP ON THE BEACH?

ROLL

RIGHT! I-I AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN'! HEH HEH HEH

AND YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN', RIGHT, KOBY?

PLEASE DON'T HIT ME...

GRR

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

JUST KOBY AND THE THREE OF US KNOW ABOUT THIS.

WE'RE THE ONLY ONES HERE.

THAT WAS A GREAT NAP!!!

WHAT THE DEVIL!?

KKK!!!

YA WWW NN!!!

I GOT SO DIZZY I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA BARF!! HAHAHAHA!

HMM... LOOKS LIKE I SURVIVED SOMEHOW.

TA-DA!!

HMM?

...!?

HUH!?

...!?

WOOSH

BACK TO WORK, YOU SCURVY DOGS!!!

WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THERE!?

WHO THE HECK ARE YOU!!?

WHO ARE YOU GUYS?

BAM

ARRGH!

!!!

ARRGH!

TWEET

...!!

TWEET

WHOOSH

WHOA!

KRASH

OH!

W-WHAT!? NEVER! NOT IN A MILLION--

?

AND YOU DARE TO DEFY ME?

LADY ALVIDA! YOU ARE... OF COURSE!

YOU LAZY SWABBIES! WHO'S THE FAIREST THROUGHOUT ALL THE SEAS?

LOOM

WHICH ONE OF YOU HAD SUCH A "GREAT NAP"!

DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME! I COULD HEAR YOU TALKING ALL THE WAY FROM THE SHIP!

GASP!

THAT WAS A GREAT NAP!!!

TA-DA!!

YAAA

READ THIS WAY

...AFTER THE PRICE ON MY HEAD?

KOBY! YOU TRAITOR-OUS LITTLE RUNT!

WHAT!? COULD HE BE A BOUNTY HUNTER...

YEAH! THAT GOOD FOR NOTHIN' KOBY BROUGHT THAT STRANGE FELLER HERE!

UH... CAPTAIN! WE HAVE AN INTRUDER!!

AND THEY SAY THAT THE INFAMOUS RORONOA ZOLO IS THAT CLEVER!!

BUT IF HE'S AS CLEVER AS THEY SAY... HE MIGHT'VE ESCAPED!

THAT'S RIDICULOUS!! THE NAVY HAS HIM LOCKED UP...

BUT THE ONLY BOUNTY HUNTER BOLD ENOUGH TO COME HERE...

I'M FINE, JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED IS ALL.

MY NAME'S LUFFY! WHERE AM I?

HA HA HA HA!

AFTER GETTING KNOCKED AROUND SO MUCH YOU MUST BE—

UM... ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU HURT?

READ THIS WAY

OH...

WELL, NONE OF THAT REALLY MATTERS TO ME.

I SEE...

I'M KOBY, HER CABIN BOY.

THIS ISLAND IS THE HIDEOUT OF IRON MACE ALVIDA, THE LADY PIRATE.

KOBY THE CABIN BOY

...BUT IF IT'S A DINGHY YOU WANT, I HAVE ONE... SORTA...

YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE!

YEAH, IT CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE!

PHEW

YOU GOT SUCKED INTO A GIANT WHIRLPOOL!?

YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE A DINGHY, WOULD YOU? MINE GOT SUCKED INTO A GIANT WHIRLPOOL.

I BUILT IT MYSELF. IT TOOK ME TWO YEARS...

TWO YEARS!? AND YOU DON'T WANT IT?

A COFFIN?

HUH!!!

WHAT'S THIS!?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST ESCAPE?

N-NO WAY! JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT ALVIDA WOULD DO TO ME IF SHE CAUGHT ME MAKES MY BLADDER WEAK...

NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE NOPE

I JUST CAN'T RISK IT...

...BUT I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO TRY IT. I GUESS IT'S MY FATE TO BE A CABIN BOY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

BUT I *ONCE* HAD A DIFFERENT DREAM.

... I REALLY DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE. I BUILT IT TO ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE...

YOU'RE KINDA CLUMSY AND DUMB!

SIGH

THAT WAS TWO YEARS AGO. IN EXCHANGE FOR MY LIFE, I'VE BEEN WORKING AS THEIR CABIN BOY.

...AND I BOARDED A PIRATE SHIP BY MISTAKE.

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT FATEFUL DAY... I JUST WANTED TO GO FISHING...

TA DUM DA BA DUM

LUFFY, WHY DID YOU GO TO SEA ANYWAY?

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO FLOAT AROUND AT SEA IN A BARREL LIKE YOU...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE *THAT* FRANK...

AND YOU'RE GUTLESS TOO. YOU REALLY ARE *WORTHLESS!*

EHEH HEH HEH... WHIMPER

HA HA HA

I'M GONNA BE THE KING OF THE PIRATES!!!

SNIRK

WELL, YA SEE...

BUT... YOU'D HAVE TO MAKE THE WHOLE WORLD KNEEL TO YOU!!!

K-KING OF THE PIRATES!!!?

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE AFTER GOLD ROGER'S LOST TREASURE, "ONE PIECE"!!!!

WEALTH, FAME, POWER-- YOU'D HAVE TO ACHIEVE IT ALL!!!

YOU WANT TO BE THE KING OF THE PIRATES IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF PIRACY!?

IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN!!

NEVER NEVER NEVER

BUT THE ODDS AGAINST YOU ARE ASTRO-NOMICAL!!?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

AND SO AM I.

EVERY PIRATE IN THE WORLD IS AFTER THAT!!

DO YOU WANT TO DIE!?

I'M NOT AFRAID TO DIE, KOBY!

HUH!?

HEH HEH HEH...

OKAY, I'M USED TO IT.

YOU WERE HYSTERICAL.

KLONK

W-WHY'D YOU HIT ME!?

HEY!

WHAT GUTS... WHAT DETERMINATION!!

Y-YOU'RE NOT EVEN AFRAID TO DIE!?

!!!

AND IF I DIE TRYING... THEN AT LEAST I TRIED!

I'VE SET MYSELF TO BECOME THE KING OF THE PIRATES...

HUH?

MAYBE... I CAN BE LIKE THAT!

SNIFF

IF I'M WILLING TO RISK MY LIFE TRYING...

...!!

I NEVER LOOKED AT IT LIKE *THAT* BEFORE!!

SNIFF

OR AM I JUST DE-LUDING MYSELF...

AND I BELIEVE I'LL SUCCEED, TOO.

...

DO YOU THINK I CAN JOIN THE NAVY!?

...MAYBE IT'S POSSIBLE!

IT'S BEEN MY DREAM SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID!!

WE'LL END UP BEING ENEMIES...

BUT I WANT TO JOIN THE NAVY AND FIGHT THE BAD GUYS!!

THE NAVY!?

LUFFY! DO YOU THINK I CAN DO IT?

HOW WOULD I KNOW?

WELL, I'M GONNA DO IT!!!

WHAT'VE I GOT TO LOSE!? I DON'T WANNA BE A MISERABLE CABIN BOY MY WHOLE LIFE!!

BETTER TO RISK MY LIFE TRYING TO ACHIEVE MY DREAM!

I'LL JOIN THE NAVY... AND THEN... I'LL CAPTURE ALVIDA!!

!

KRESS

WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CAPTURE, RUNT!?

AAAH!!!

!!

MY BOAT!

YOU LITTLE SNEAK!

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD ESCAPE FROM ME!?

DA-DUM....!!

ANSWER ME!!!

WHO IS THE FAIREST THROUGH-OUT ALL THE SEAS?

SO I'LL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE TO REPENT...

BBQ

IS THAT THE BOUNTY HUNTER YOU HIRED? WELL, HE CERTAINLY ISN'T RORONOA ZOLO...

ZOLO?

...!

BWAHAHAHA

HEY, WHO'S THAT TOUGH-LOOKING OLD BIDDY?

!!!!

HEH HEH HEH...

LADY ALVIDA, YOU--

THROUGH-OUT ALL OF THE SEAS, LADY ALVIDA IS...

LUFFY!! TAKE IT BACK!!

NO WAY!

HOW DARE...

GRRR

...THE UGLIEST OLD HAG OF ALL!!!

LADY ALVIDA IS...

I'M GONNA BE THE KING OF THE PIRATES...

AND IF I DIE TRYING... THEN AT LEAST I TRIED!

LADY ALVIDA IS...

HA HA HA HA HA HA!

HAHAHAHA

SHAAAOOO

GULP!

EYAAA!

I SAID IT AND I **WON'T** TAKE IT BACK! NO MORE CRINGING FOR ME!! FROM NOW ON, I'LL FIGHT FOR MY DREAMS!

YOU LITTLE--!!!

YOU'RE BOTH GOING TO DIE!!

FUNK

L-LUFFY...!!

GOOD FOR YOU, KOBY!!

!!!

IT MAKES NO DIFFER-ENCE TO ME...

IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE SURVIVES THE IRON MACE!!

'CAUSE I'M MADE OF RUBBER!

!!?

SMIRK

THAT DIDN'T HURT!

WHAT THE--?

...PISTOL!

GUM-GUM...

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!

!?

!!?

KOWA!

HE BEAT LADY ALVIDA! HE'S NOT HUMAN!

CAPTAIN!!!

H-HIS ARM STRETCHED LIKE RUBBER...

GIVE KOBY A DINGHY!

HE'S GONNA JOIN THE NAVY!

PLOP PLOP

LUFFY...

HA HA HA!

Y-YESSIR...

THAT MEANS YOU'LL HAVE TO ENTER THE "GRAND LINE."

BUT LUFFY, IF YOU'RE GOING AFTER ***ONE PIECE***...

YEP!

YOU MUST HAVE EATEN THE FRUIT OF THE GUM-GUM TREE...

INCRED-IBLE!

RORONOA ZOLO!

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

THAT GUY IMPRISONED AT THE NAVY BASE...

THAT'S WHY I'M ASSEMBLING A ***SUPER CREW.***

THEY CALL IT THE ***PIRATES' GRAVEYARD...***

NEVER!

HOW DO ***YOU*** KNOW!?

NEVER NEVER NEVER! THAT'LL ***NEVER*** HAPPEN! THAT GUY'S A DEMONIC BEAST!

NOW YOU'RE TALKING CRAZY AGAIN!

IF HE'S A GOOD GUY, I'LL LET HIM JOIN MY CREW!

AND SO THE TWO YOUNG ADVENTURERS SAIL ON TOWARDS THE NAVAL BASE AND... DESTINY!

STEP 1
THE PIRATE FLAG

"THE SKULL AND CROSSBONES" - THE CROSSBONES ARE THIGH BONES.

HERE IS SOME INFORMATION REGARDING THE PIRATE FLAG. THE PIRATE FLAG IS GENERALLY CALLED THE "JOLLY ROGER" AND IS A SYMBOL OF DEATH. SCARY, ISN'T IT?

THERE ARE MANY THEORIES CONCERNING THE ORIGIN OF THE TERM "JOLLY ROGER."

SOME SAY IT COMES FROM THE FRENCH "JOLIE ROUGE" OR "RED LOVELY," POSSIBLY REFERRING TO BLOOD.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT "ROGER" WAS ORIGINALLY THE WORD "ROGUE," MEANING A THIEF OR VILLAIN.

AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY IT'S RELATED TO "OLD ROGER," WHICH WAS A NAME FOR THE DEVIL.